

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1 1. A method for browsing in collaboration space,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said
4 collaboration space;

5 providing in a main window in said interface a quick
6 browse selector;

7 responsive to user selection of said quick browse
8 selector,

9 creating a set of links to control said main
10 window without losing context,

11 displaying said context in a separate quick browse
12 window in a simpler format; and

13 responsive to user selection of an item in said
14 context, displaying in said main window an object

15 linked to said item.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
2 organizing said collaboration space according to an object
3 model selectively including place, room, folder, page,
4 member, form, field, placetype, roomtype, skin, and placebot
5 objects.

1 3. The method of claim 1, said simpler format being a
2 hypertext markup language format.

1 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of
2 implementing said object as a room in said collaboration
3 space.

1 5. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of
2 implementing said quick browse selector as a remote control
3 selector in a search results window.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step

2 responsive to user selection of a link to a target page in
3 said quick browse window, of reloading said main window with
4 said target page.

1 7. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of
2 implementing said quick browse selector as a remote control
3 selector in a what's new window.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step
2 responsive to user selection of said quick browse selector
3 of enabling random access browsing of links in said quick
4 browse window.

1 9. The method of claim 8, said links being to objects in a
2 plurality of rooms.

1 10. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of
2 implementing said quick browse selector as go there links
3 from a tutorial window, as go there links from a help
4 window, and as go there links from a site map.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of
2 generating said site map as a simple rendering of an access
3 controlled table of context hierarchy.

1 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2 displaying said quick browse window in minimal screen
3 space while said user browses target pages and allowing
4 said user to see and access local settings of said
5 target page so as to display context of said target
6 page.

1 13. The method of claim 12, said context selectively
2 including a table of contents, location, folder, parent,
3 responses, ancestors, and/or revisions of said target page.

1 14. A system for browsing within collaboration space,
2 comprising:

3 a browser for displaying a user interface in a main
4 window;

5 a quick browse window;

6 a remote control mechanism displayed in any context in
7 said user interface supporting a quick browse feature
8 for displaying in said quick browse window links to
9 linked pages;

10 said quick browse feature redirecting said main window
11 to a linked page upon user selection of said link.

1 15. The system of claim 14, said collaboration space being
2 organized according to an object model selectively including
3 place, room, folder, page, member, form, field, placetype,
4 roomtype, skin, and placebot objects.

1 16. The system of claim 14, said context including search
2 results and what's new contexts.

1 17. The system of claim 16, said context including help and
2 tutorial windows.

1 18. The system of claim 14, further comprising:

2 said quick browse window being opened responsive to
3 user selection of said remote control mechanism;

4 said link being opened in said main window responsive
5 to said user selection of said link;

6 said quick browse window further providing a remote
7 control on said main window with said links displayed
8 in said quick browse window while said user browses
9 selected links in said main window.

1 19. A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
3 machine to perform method steps for browsing in
4 collaboration space, said method steps comprising:

5 presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said
6 collaboration space;

7 providing in a main window in said interface a quick
8 browse selector;

9 responsive to user selection of said quick browse
10 selector,

11 creating a set of links to control said main
12 window without losing context,

13 displaying said context in a separate quick browse
14 window in a simpler format; and

15 responsive to user selection of an item in said
16 context, displaying in said main window an object
17 linked to said item.

1 20. A computer program product or computer program element
2 for browsing in collaboration space by

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4 collaboration space;

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6 browse selector;

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8 selector,

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10 window without losing context,

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